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MR. VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY BENNETT AND OUR TEACHER IN  
SPACE FINALISTS:

A WISE MAN ONCE SAID: "SOME SUCCEED BY WHAT THEY KNOW; SOME  
BY WHAT THEY DO; AND A FEW BY WHAT THEY ARE."

CLEARLY, OUR TEN FINALISTS HAVE SUCCEEDED ON ALL THREE  
COUNTS. THEY HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT THEY ARE ALL WINNERS. AND WE  
ARE PROUD OF THEM.

GIVEN THAT THIS IS SUCH AN EXTRAORDINARY GROUP, IT WAS NOT  
EASY TO DECIDE WHO GETS TO FLY IN THE SHUTTLE NEXT JANUARY AS OUR  
FIRST CITIZEN PASSENGER IN SPACE. BUT I AM CONFIDENT THAT WHEN  
THAT SHUTTLE LIFTS OFF, OUR WINNING CANDIDATE WILL SOAR WITH IT -  
RIGHT INTO THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR  
TEACHERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

AND WE WILL NOT ONLY HAVE WON ONE FOR THE GIPPER, BUT FOR  
AMERICAN TEACHERS AND AMERICANS EVERYWHERE.

OUR FINAL DECISION WAS BASED ON WHO BEST MET THE CRITERIA WE  
LAID OUT AT THE BEGINNING: ORIGINALITY AND CREATIVITY; DEDICATION  
TO THE TEACHING PROFESSION; A HIGH DEGREE OF COMMUNITY  
INVOLVEMENT AND ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE THE SPACE FLIGHT  
EXPERIENCE.

WE AIM TO KEEP OUR WINNER AND BACK-UP CANDIDATE VERY BUSY IN THE COMING MONTHS TRAINING FOR THE FLIGHT. BUT WE ALSO MEAN TO KEEP THE OTHER EIGHT FINALISTS INVOLVED IN THE SPACE PROGRAM, TOO - MAINLY BECAUSE THEY'RE ALL TOO GOOD TO LET THEM GET AWAY.

OVER THE COMING WEEKS, WE WILL USE THEIR TALENTS TO HELP DESIGN LESSONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS ON SPACE FLIGHT TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE WINNING CANDIDATE ABOARD THE SHUTTLE NEXT JANUARY. SOME WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE. OTHERS WILL BE FILMED. ALL WILL BE SHOWN IN CLASSROOMS THROUGHOUT AMERICA.

AND OVER THE COMING YEAR, WE AIM TO PUT THEM TO WORK AT THE NASA CENTERS AND AT OUR HEADQUARTERS TO ASSIST WITH EDUCATIONAL ENDEAVORS AND ACTIVITIES.

AT NASA WE HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT WE MUST AIM HIGH IF WE ARE TO REACH THE STARS. WE ARE CONTINUING IN THAT TRADITION WITH THE TEACHER IN SPACE PROJECT. WITH IT, WE HOPE TO COMMUNICATE TO MILLIONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGHOUT AMERICA SOME OF THE WONDERS AND MYSTERIES OF SPACE FLIGHT. WE HOPE TO HELP RESTORE PRESTIGE TO THE NOBLE PROFESSION OF TEACHING, SOMETHING IT HAS SADLY LACKED IN OUR NATION IN RECENT YEARS. AND WE HOPE TO STRENGTHEN OUR TIES WITH THE EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY TO ENSURE THAT OUR HIGH ADVENTURE IN SPACE WILL CONTINUE TO INSPIRE YOUNG PEOPLE TO EXCELLENCE.

OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS, OUR TEN FINALISTS HAVE LIVED AND WORKED TOGETHER. THEY HAVE ENDURED EXTENSIVE AND EXHAUSTIVE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL TESTS AND A BATTERY OF INTERVIEWS. JUST AS WE HAVE GOTTEN TO KNOW THEM INSIDE OUT, SO THEY HAVE GOTTEN TO KNOW EACH OTHER. THEY WERE COMPETITORS; BUT NOW THEY ARE A FAMILY.

IN THE HOPE THAT THEY WILL REMAIN ONE, I'D LIKE TO OFFER SOME FAMILIAL ADVICE. IT IS SHAKESPEARE'S, AND GOES: "DO AS ADVERSARIES DO IN LAW - STRIVE MIGHTILY, BUT EAT AND DRINK AS FRIENDS." AND MAY YOU REMAIN FRIENDS, ALWAYS.

NOW, I HAVE THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO INTRODUCE THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH, WHO WILL ANNOUNCE THE WINNER AND BACK-UP CANDIDATE. MR. VICE PRESIDENT.